

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant hereby elects with traverse the inventions of Group I, including claims 1 – 23 and 32-37 drawn to a broach assembly.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 24 – 31 and 38-44 without prejudice for consideration in divisional applications.

REMARKS

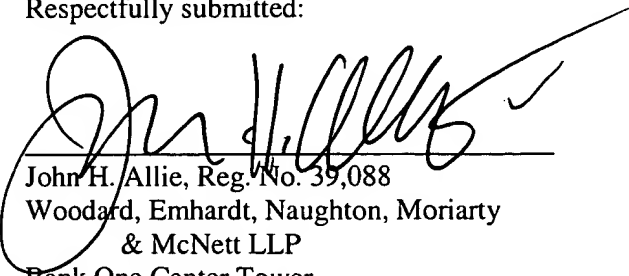
Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 – 44 were originally pending in this application. Claims 24 – 31 and 38 – 44 have been cancelled without prejudice for consideration in divisional applications.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121: (I) Claims 1 – 23 and 32 – 37, drawn to a broach assembly, classified in class 407, subclass 13; (II) Claims 24 – 31, drawn to a method for reworking a broach bar, classified in class 29, subclass 592; (III) Claims 38 – 42, drawn to a method for forming a blade slot in a turbine disk, classified in class 29, subclass 889.2; and, (IV) Claims 43 – 44, drawn to a gas turbine engine disk, classified in class 416, subclass 223R. Applicant elects with traverse the inventions of Group I including claims 1 – 23 and 32 – 37.

The Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a timely Notice of Allowability for pending claims 1 – 23 and 32 - 37. If the Examiner believes that there are any matters that can be resolved by a telephonic interview, the undersigned would welcome said call.

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